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1. THE ON AGAIN OFF AGAIN TIKA STEEL MILL PROJECT HAS BEEN
TURNED OVER FROM UNIP CONTROL TO THE GOVERNMENT ACCORDING TO
LOCAL PRESS REPORTS. SINCE THE PARTY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET
THE PROJECT GOING DESPITE "EFFORTS" SINCE 1970, IT HAS BEEN
TURNED OVER TO THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ZIMCO, THE ZAMBIAN
PARASTATAL UMBRELLA COMPANY. "THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO
GO INTO OPERATION AS SOON AS CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH
INTERESTED FOREIGN FIRMS ARE COMPLETED."

2. ACCORDING TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF
MINES, KABUKA NYIRENDA, A NUMBER OF FACTORS ARE STILL BEING
STUDIED. THESE INCLUDE LABOR FORCE REQUIREMENTS, CAPACITY,
RAW MATERIAL RESERVES, AND PLANT LOCATION. THE PROJECT,
TARGETED AT A CAPACITY OF 200,000 TONS OF FINISHED STEEL
ANNUALLY, IS EXPECTED TO COST \$150 MILLION.

3. SWINDLER DRESSLER OF THE US ARE NAMED AS
CONSULTANTS ON THE PROJECT WITH ENERGO-PROJECT
(YUGOSLAVIA) AS UNDERTAKERS AND DEMAG OF GERMANY AS
INSTALLERS OF THE ELECTRICAL FURNACES. SOURCES OF
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FINANCING WERE NOT MENTIONED.

4. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY IF THIS CHANGE
REALLY HAS ANY MEANING. NYIRENDA MADE THE PROJECT
SOUND VERY PROMISING AND SAID THAT ITS COMPLETION WOULD
BE EXPEDITED. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED,
MOST KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED TO US

THEIR TOTAL OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT. END COMMENT.
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